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Attorney General Knox Informs

the President

That He Is Authorized to Pay

Over the Money.

Washington, March 2.-A conclusion of the negotiations for the title to the Panama canal property is in sight.

Within 30 days, perhaps in a shorter time the United States will be in full

LAST EDITION.

WEDNESDAY EVENTS

TOPEKA, KANSAS, MARCH 2, 1904.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

TWO CENTS.

a sen and Bowersock Men Each Elect Chairman.

Pandemonium Reigns While Two Chairmen Preside.

# VAUGHN IS THE CAUSE.

Allen People Object to Him Serving on Committee.



Congressman Bowersock had not ar-

Congressman Bowersock had not arrived at 2 o'clock and the Allen men decided in fairness to wait until Bowersock arrived. In the meantime Ottawa band played "A Hot Time" and other appropriate mask.

Bowersock came in about 2:15 and was cheered by his supporters. As soon as he could be heard, George J. Barker called "Mr. Chairman, or chairmen, as the case may be "Hedrick and Metcaif both came to attention." I move yete of

upon him without the absolute power to go ahead and act.

"Barker is not talking much, even to his men." said a Bowersock sympathizer shortly before mon. "All the Bowersock men think Bowersock ought to have come last night if not before. Judge Barker is worried a good deal because he is afraid of making a mistake and than being accused of disloyalty or unfairness, and consequently he is not doing anything."

It was reported early this morning that Mr. Bowersock would get here at noon, later his train was reported two hours late and it was stated he could not reach here until just about time for the convention to open. The Bowersock delegation from Johnson county for a time talked about going home without waiting to make a fight for their seats, some of them began to (Contonued on Page Six.)

doubt whether Bowersock was coming at all or not. They said it looked as though he was hiding out.

When it became apparent that Mr. Bowersock could not get here in time to instruct his members of the committee how to proceed, the idea of seating any contesting delegations before the pre-liminary organization was abandoned. Bowersock had uncontested delegations from Douglas, Allen and Linn countles, a total of 34, while the opposition to him had only Franklin and Bourbot, a total of 25. This was counting out the McGrew Wyandotte delegation, which was contested by Nat Barnes. On this basis the 34 Bowersock delegates could organize the convention and seat whatsver delegations they chose. It was generally understood that the McGrew delegation from Wyandotte would be seated and the Bowersock delegations. Grew delegation from Wyandotte would be seated and the Bowersock delegations from the other counsiles. This would give Bowersock 61 delegates, one more

Will Probably Result in Two
Conventions,

Two Factions on Committee

Finally Split.

Garnett, Kan., March 2.—The second district congressional convention this afternoon was a double barreled affair.
There were two chairmen and two organizations at the same time. It was give Bowersock 61 delegates, one more than enough to nominate.

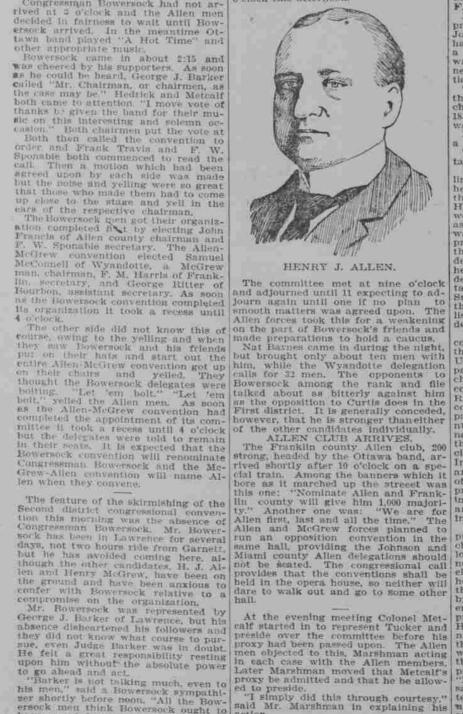
The Allen and McGrew forces claimed that the 59 uncontested delegates could not legally organize the convention as they did not constitute a quorum.

SPLIT IN COMMITTEE.

There was a split in the congressional committee this afternoon shortly before 1 o'clock. The four Bowersock members held a meeting with J. H. Vaughn, representing Anderson county, and the four Allen members meeting with Johnson, representing anderson county. Johnson was recommended by the Allen delegates from Atchison county. Frank Travis, secretary of the committee, notified Chairman Metcalf early this morning There were two chairmen and two organizations at the same time. It was a pandemonium.

The Bowersock men were on the south side of the hall and the Alien and McGrew men on the north.

Atchison county. Frank Travis, secretary of the committee, notified Chairman Metcalf early this morning that the Alien members would have stenographers present at the committee meeting to take down the proceedings. "I did this," said Mr. Travis, "so that they could do the same. Then if this matter gets into the courts we will have a course account of proceed-



Reed Smoot Investigation Begins in Washington.

Really the Mormon Organization Is Arraigned.

CHIEF OF THE SAINTS.

President Joseph Smith First Witness Called.

Proceedings Expected to Last Number of Weeks.

Washington, March 2.—The investigation which is to decide whether Reed Smoot of Utah is to retain his seat in the United States senate and incidentally define the political status of the Mormon church, was formally begun today before the senate committee on privileges and elections.

Great interest attached to the hearings because of the dual purpose of the inquiry. Other investigations have been directed at the rights of certain conditions the members of the Mormon church with the answer expressed doubt and that the church ever rejected any of the revelations? Have any of the revelations? The area of the church expressed and the church expressed and the church expresse

delegations. Allen backed. Rowersock's friends then take no definite action unck himself arrived at one afternoon.

Amos Charles Matthews, Ogden, Hiles Andrew Jensen, John Smith, Hirman M. Smith, Thomas Merrill, Charles E. Merrill, Alma Merrill, Lorin Harmon, Moses Thatcher, M. W. Merrill, Joseph F. Smith and Francis M. Lyman.

tions were asked.

The first question asked brought out that Mr. Smith is president of the church and was born in Missouri in 1838 and went to Utah in 1848 and always has been in the church.

Mr. Tayler asked Mr. Smith if he was a prophet, seer and revelator.
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The witness said he was "so sustained."

Further questions along the same line brought out the statement that he received his powers by reason of the position he holds in the church. He said the apostles of the church were "sustained" in the same powers as prophets, seers and revelators. He was asked to name his predecessors as president of the church and he gave them in order back to the first president, Joseph Smith. The witness said he sustains the same power as his predecessors. Questions directed to ascertain the business occupations of Mr. Smith in addition to the presidency of the church, brought out the following list of concerns of which he is president:

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Zion Co-operative and Mercantile
company, with a capital stock of more
than one million dollars; State Bank of
Utah, Zion Savings bank, Utah Sugar company, Consolidated Wagon and Machine company, Utah Light & Railway chine company, Utah Light & Railway company, Salt Lake and Los Angeles Railroad company, Salt Air Beach company and Salt Lake Knitting company. He said he was president of a number of other small concerns, the names of which he could not recall and that he is a director of the Union Pacific Railroad company, editor of the Improvementer and Juvenile Instructor and director or official of a number

cific Raiiroad company, editor of the Improvementer and Juvenile Instructor and director or official of a number of mining companies. A list of the first presidency or twelve apostles governing the church has read by Mr. Tayler and identified by Mr. Smith. This list included the name of Reed Smoot.

Mr. Smith explained that the first presidency is the president of the church and two high priests or councillors and that the twelve apostles are elected by the council and the apostles, the said, but he believed and it is taught that the presidents are really chosen by divine revelation and they are then endowed with the authority of the holy priesthood by authority direct from God. It has a standard that the would not go contrary to the wish of the first presidency. Through the testimony Mr. Smith used such expressions as "I think." "I suppose," and "I believe," these expressions proved unsatisfactory to members of the committee and Senator Hoar said he wanted to sunderstand whether Mr. Smith's form of speech implied doubt or whether it was simply an unfortunate mode of speech. Mr. Smith said he used expressions which were not positive when he referred to matters from memory, but that in all matters of the church of revelations and the powers of the church be was certain and did not want to be reigned at the first presidency. Through the testimony Mr. Smith's form of speech implied doubt or whether it was simply an unfortunate mode of speech. Mr. Smith said he used expressions which were not positive when he referred to matters from memory, but that in all matters of the church of revelations and the powers of the church be was certain and did not want to be reigned about. The minister to this country, has received a brief communication from his foreign office informatication fr

the the charch and accept depth the members were binding upon them. Mr. Overman wanted to know what happened to, those who did not believe in the inspired revelations.

"Wore they unchurched?" he asked.

"They unchurched themselves," was the response.

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After more direct questioning concerning the rights of the church reembers to reject revelations, Mr. Tayler put the situation in this form "May the members of the church say to you, "We deny that God has to'd you to tell us that and we will not receive your revelations?" Could that occur in the church?"

"It could," was the reply.
"Has this ever teen done?" asked

Mr. Hoar.

"Not that I know of."

"Now that is just what I have been calling attention to," said Mr. Hoar.

"The witness says, "Not that I know

Turning to Mr. Smith he remarks

The Fulms. All the dead and injured, as far as known were workmen employed on the building.

Coroner Sholer says that eleven mon, all probably dead, are buried in the rulms. All probably dead, are buried in the rulms. All probably dead, are buried in the rulms. The building in collapsing reashed through the kitchen and dining stations have been summoned.

Fire Chief Croker stated that he believes from 15 to 29 men are buried in the rulms. The building in collapsing room of the Patterson hotel on West was all the device of the Patterson hotel on West was all the debts. Their injuries are not known.

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a Talk With Him.

Washington, March 2,-Gen. Hernan washington, March 2.—Gen. Herhan-dez, the Venezuelan minister to this country, has received a brief communi-cation from his foreign office inform-ing him that President Castro desires him to return home for a conference

but that in all matters of the church of revelations and the powers of the church he was certain and did not want to be misunderstood.

In relation to revelations the witness said the church holds that any elder may receive a revelation for his own guidance.

"Then Mr. Smoot may receive such a revelation direct from God?" said Mr.

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Temperatures of Large Cities,
Chicago, March 2.—7 a. m. temperatures: New York, 34; Boston, 28; Philiadelphia, 36; Washington, 32; Chicago, March 2.—Forecast for Kan-revelation direct from God?" said Mr.

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Capitulation of the Russian Stronghold Is Reported.

Japanese Land in Vicinity of Vladivostock.

THE WIRES ARE DOWN.

Seat of War Is Wrapped in Densest Silence.

Conditions Are Regarded as Ominous in London.

OF FIGHTING NEWS Has Been Neither Denied Nor

Confirmed.

Japanese Continue Pouring Troops Into Korea.

A Number of Persons Buried in the dispatch from Shanghal a correspondent of those on whom summons, had been served: Mabel Park Kennedy, Amos Charles Matthews, Ogden, Hilles Andrew Jensen, John Smith, Hirman Merrill, Lorin Harmon, Moses Thatcher, M. W. Merrill, Joseph F. Smith and Francis M. Lyman.

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HILL CITY, KANSAS, Sep. 17, 1903.

on the warships is being pushed night and day. The battleships Borodino and Orel and the transport Kamtchatka are nearing completion at the admiralty dock yards here. In the dead of night the ice bound Neva is like an Arctic landscape lighted for his a mile by the flare of blazing stacks, the silence broken by the din or drumming hammers.

mers.

The battleship Borodino must be taken to Kronstadt to receive her armor and it is reported that the lee breaker Ermak will be brought from Reval to cut a channel to the arsenal there. The battleship Alexander III, at Kronstadt, is ready and the Russian fleet, recently at Jibutii, French Somaliland, is returning so that when the spring opens Russia will have an imposing naval array in the Baitic.

About 800 volunteer workmen have left here to work at the dock yards at Port Arthur and Vladivostock.

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Suez, March 2.—The Russian armored cruiser Dimitri Donoski, which applied for permission to remain here for repairs, has been allowed five days in which to complete the necessary work.

BOUND FOR THE FRONT.

Kolpino, Russia, March 2.—The companies of pontoon miners and sappers were embarked here on trains today bound for the front.

CHINA ORDERS GUNS.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—A Russian

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St. Petersburg, March 2.—A Russian correspondent of the Associated Press at Shanghai telegraphs that it is reported at Tien Tsin that 4,000 additional Chinese soldiers have been posted in northern China, and that the Chinese government has recently piaced large orders for guns and ammunition.

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National Bank, Topeka, Kans. Endorsement guaranteed.

Kansas City, Mo., March 2.—Drivers of baggage wagons of some of the local transfer companies went out today without warning to their employes and joined the 800 truck drivers, who struck yesterday. There is a possibility that all union drivers in the city, numbering 3.000, may also go out in sympathy with the truck drivers. Most of the men out are negroes and violence is feared unless the strike is soon settled.

DAY NOT COMING. Can Not Deliver Address at State University.

Washington, March 2.—Justice Day of the Supreme court today told Senator Long and Representative Scott that his engagements were such as to make it impossible for him to accept invitation of Kansas university to deliver commencement address.

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Colorado Springs, Colo., March 2.—
Judge Seeds in the district court has granted James F. Burns, the prominent mining man, a permanent injunction against J. D. O'Hare, restraining the latter from prosecuting in the courts of Iowa, a suit for \$300,000. O'Hare sued for damages charging that Burns had defrauded him in the original deal in regard to the Portland mine at Cripple Creek. An appeal to the state court of appeals has been taken.

The Weather Today.

This is another spring day. The temperatures recorded by the government thermometer are as follows:

7 o'clock. 44 | 11 o'clock. 56 | 5 o'clock. 46 | 12 o'clock. 63 | 5 o'clock. 50 | 1 o'clock. 70 | 10 o'clock. 53 | 2 o'clock. 55 | 3 o'clock. 63 | 3 o'clock. 63 | 5 o'clock. 55 | 5 o'clock. 75 | 10 o'clock. 65 | 1 o'clock. 75 | 10 o'clock. 75 | 10 o'clock. 75 | 10 o'clock. 55 | 1 o'clock. 75 | 10 o'clock. 75 | 10 o'clock. 55 | 1 o'clock. 75 | 10 o'clock. 15 | 10